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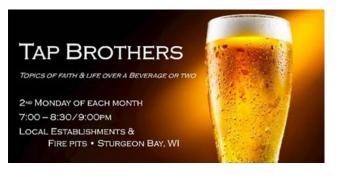
April 2, 2025

WINTER/SPRING STUDY: The Gospel of John

This study meets on Tuesdays at 10:00am or Thursdays at 6:30 pm and runs through May 6/8. Packets and schedule are available at the Information Table in the Coffee House.

THE AFTER-WORSHIP continues Sundays:

- April 6: Q&A w/ Pastor James (CR-A)
- April 13: Fellowship
- April 20: Happy Easter
- April 27: Q&A w/ Pastor James (CR-A)



TAP BROTHERS will meet April 14, 2025 @ 7:00pm, Carl Rauch's Blazing Pit of Hellfire (6542 Barrick Rd. Sturgeon Bay). Food: Burgers (please bring a side to share.) Topic: Organ Donation. Please read this <u>article</u> ahead of time.

SAVE-THE-DATE ACTIVITIES

- April 13 Living Last Supper @ 2:00pm
- April 15 Seder Demonstration @ 6:00pm
- May 16 Swing into Spring @ 6:00pm
- June 1 Graduate Sunday during Sunday Worship

COMMUNITY DINNER @ 5:30pm

APRIL 3 - served by Team C:

- * Lahmajun (Armenian Flatbread)
- * Tanabour (Yogurt & Barley Soup)
- * Paklava (Nut & Syrup Pastry)
- * Beverages: Coffee, Water, and Lemonade

There are 3 ways to make your reservation:

Click <u>https://bit.ly/ComDin</u> Call church office at 920.743.7750 or Text 920.226.2868 (Your name & # attending)

MAY 1 – served by Team D:

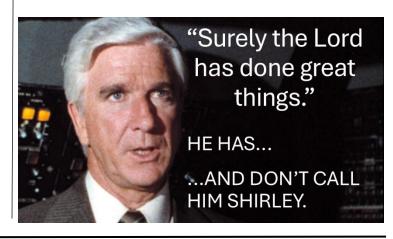
- * Tuna Casserole
- * Salad and Rolls
- * Jocelyn's Torrent of Tasty Treats
- * Beverages: Coffee, Water, and Lemonade

MAY 15 – served by Team A: * TBD

MAY 29 - served by Team B:

- * Homemade Mac & Cheese
- * Loaded Baked Beans
- * Banana Cake
- * Beverages: Coffee, Water, and Soda

CHURCH OFFICES AND COFFEE HOUSE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18.



YOUTH GROUP (7th-12th): Meets the 1st/3rd Wednesdays of each month @ 6:30pm

- April 2 Snack, Devotion, and Games/Activity
- Youth Group will then return May 7

LENT & EASTER SERVICES:

Palm Sunday (Pesach/Passover) – April 13 @ 9:30am Seder Demonstration – Tuesday, April 15 @ 6:00pm Holy Thursday – Thursday, April 17 @ 6:00pm Meditation on the Cross and Tomb – Friday, April 18 from 9:00am – 3:00pm Holy Friday – Friday, April 18 @ 6:00pm Easter Sunrise (Chag HaMatzot/Unleavened Bread) – April 20 @ 5:57am Easter Celebration (HaBikkurim/First Fruits) – April 20 @ 9:30am

EASTER BASKETS FOR LOCAL YOUTH - Bay View Lutheran Church is partnering with local

churches to provide Easter baskets to local children served through the Lakeshore CAP food pantry. They are asking us to help provide individually wrapped candies (snack/fun-sized chocolate bars, small serving Peeps, single serve treats, etc.) to fill their baskets. A large basket will be set up in the Coffee House for donations to this project. The final day of collection will be Thursday, April 10 and filled



baskets will be distributed Tuesday, April 15. Thank you for supporting this opportunity to provide some of Easter's joy and promise to the youngsters of our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

LAST FISH FRY OF THE SEASON – Friday, April 11, 5-6:30 – at Our Saviour Lutheran Church (120 S Henry St, Green Bay). We will serve deep fried perch, baked cod, combination, and chicken tender dinners from 5-6:30pm (doors open at 4:45pm). Dinners include bread, coleslaw, and beverage (dine-in only). Dessert will also be available for purchase. Call-in orders for carry out dinners will be accepted at any time <u>prior to 4:00pm</u> on Friday night at (920) 468-4065.

LIVING LAST SUPPER – Sunday, April 13, 2:00pm – The Last Supper is one of Christianity's most significant events. This program, written by Ruth Elaine Schram, includes many emotional and moving performances of music by the Community Choir Door County intertwined with monologues based on scripture and historical information presented by the twelve disciples (all local Door County actors).

SEDER DEMONSTRATION – Tuesday, April 15, 6:00pm – On **Tuesday**, **April 15** at **6:00pm**, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will host **"Christ in the Passover: An Interactive Experience."** This powerful, interactive experience, led by **Irina Orf** of Jews for Jesus, will illustrate the link between the Jewish feast of Passover and the last supper Jesus shared with His disciples.

Join us for a sensory exploration of the beautiful Jewish ceremony called a *seder*. As we taste the traditional symbolic foods, we'll weave the story of the exodus and freedom from slavery together with the messianic hope realized in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The words "do this in remembrance of me" will take on an even deeper meaning to Christians as we learn the

significance of the tradition Jesus observed the night before He died and give us a closer look at the very Jewish life He led.

Jewish or not, religious or not—all are welcome for this unforgettable, thought-provoking experience. Thrivent Financial supports this event through their Action Team program.

EASTER BAND & CHOIR – We are hoping to put together a band to play on Easter Sunday! All instruments are welcome to join us for preservice music, and in accompanying a couple hymns that morning. We're also getting the choir back together to sing for Palm Sunday, which we are celebrating as Passover, on April 13.

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS & TOMB – Holy Friday, April 18, 9:00 – 3:00; Gather in the church sanctuary throughout the day on Holy Friday for music and meditation on the

suffering, death, and burial of Christ. Come any time. Prayer guides will be available on the usher stand. Sit anywhere you'd like and spend some time in prayer while meditative music and songs play in the background.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – Sunday, April 20, 5:57am – Yes, you read that right... We will begin this service at 5:57am on Easter Morning and you are welcome to attend in your Sunday best pajamas. The theme will be on the Biblical Feast of Unleavened Bread [Chag HaMatzot]. With the super-early 30-minute service, you'll likely head home afterward to take a nap, get dressed, or wake up the rest of your family...but you are also invited to return our Easter Celebration Service at 9:30am. For the Sunrise Service, park in the north lot facing the "Preaching Shanty" near the church building.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Please join us at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Green Bay on Saturday, May 3rd for the Lutheran Women in Mission Zone 19 Spring Rally. The event begins at 8:30 am with registration, and includes music, devotion, fellowship and ends with lunch. \$5 registration at the door covers everything! Copies of the invite, with full details are available in the Coffee House at the Information Desk.

The featured speaker for the event is Michelle Diercks, Christian author, speaker and life coach. Michelle is an engaging inspirational presenter and one not to miss. She specializes in helping women find peace in God's promises, even through the uncertainties of life. <u>https://michellediercks.com</u>

Any questions contact Peggy Westin at 920-495-3785. RSVP by April 20th to Peggy or on the signup sheet in the Coffee House. Carpooling will be available. We hope you can join us!





SBHS MUSICAL – Thursday, April 24 – Saturday, April 26 – Sturgeon Bay High School proudly presets *Pippin!* Shows are Thursday through Saturday at 7pm, with an additional matinee at 2pm on Saturday. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 7.

EASTER FLOWERS



Prince of Peace is once again working with Becca Engineer to offer you the chance to purchase Easter flowers to decorate the church for our Easter celebration on April 20. You will be able to pick up and take your order home after service concludes.

This year, we have 6 different flowers available at various sizes and prices. There is a discount offered for those who place their orders by Thursday, March 6, and early ordering will likely ensure your flower(s) of choice will be available for Easter.

We will still accept orders through Friday, April 11, but those orders will be charged \$1 more per selection and there will be no guarantee that your choice will be available. An order sheet is on the Information Desk in the Coffee House.

SWING INTO SPRING – Friday, May 16 – Swing into Spring! Friday, May 16, is a great night for dining out, enjoying live music, and dancing!

Swing into Spring is held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – 1756 Michigan St in Sturgeon Bay. Food, consisting of mediterranean-themed soup, salad, heavy appetizers, and dessert will be prepared by Lucas Lindow. Live music is provided by the Swingin' Door Big Band.

Doors open at 5:45pm, with the starters served at 6:00pm. The heavy apps will be available at 6:30pm, which is when the Big Band will begin their 1½-hour set.

Tickets are sold ahead of time: \$35/each, or a table of 6 for \$180. This is a fundraiser for the Youth Activities associated with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. This includes mission trips, youth gatherings, camp, and other "extras" outside of regular monthly programming.

The Swingin' Door Big Band is a group of over 20 talented musicians and vocalists, directed by Jason Palmer, and features the sounds of a 1930s style big band, with music by Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and more.

The public is invited to dress up, get fancy, and be ready to dance! Call the church office: 920.743.7750 or email <u>office@princeofpeacesb.com</u> with any questions or to order your meal tickets. You may also order online at <u>http://bit.ly/swing2023</u>

Thrivent Financial supports this event through their Action Team program.

MATCHUP DOOR COUNTY -

Are you seeking meaningful part-time work that aligns with your skills and interests? The MatchUp Door County program connects experienced individuals with local businesses in need of reliable team members. In 2024, MatchUp successfully placed 22 job seekers across 55 businesses. Older adults in the program found purpose, social interaction, and a sense of community connection through the program. To explore opportunities tailored to your experience, contact Program Coordinator Eden DeGenova at matchupdc@gmail.com, call 920-495-0660 or visit dogooddoorcounty.org/matchup for more information.

2025 RECORD OF OFFERINGS

The Weekly Financial Status shows "Total Budgeted Money" received each week. The weekly Designated Funds are recorded and made available upon request.

	WEEKLY (actual)	YTD (actual): as of March 30, 2025
GIVING	\$1,440.47	\$55,163.46
	WEEKLY (needed)	YTD (needed)
BUDGET	\$4,914.48	\$63,888.24

MARCH RECAP:



IMPROMPTU MOVIE NIGHT – Dog Man is Pastor Gomez's new favorite movie. Okay, not really, but we'll let him speak for himself: ": I had an idea. I have plenty of ideas, usually, but sometimes I follow the rabbit trail with total disregard for my own sanity. I thought, "I wonder if there's a movie playing at Sturgeon Bay Cinema 6 that might work for our Sunday School-aged kids." I looked, and behold...Dog Man.

What is Dog Man, you ask? It's an animated show about a crimefighting hero following a tragic accident. Parts of Police Officer Knight and his dog, Greg, were salvaged, with surgeons stitching Greg's head onto Knight's body, creating the dog-human hybrid, which they called Dog Man.

That said, the movie was not good. I mean, I totally laughed when our heroes emerged from the butt crack of a large robot...but, it was tough...until I looked around and saw Levi, Isaiah, Luis, Linus, and several of our Sunday school friends smiling, laughing, and just enjoying the

ridiculosity. That made it worthwhile, and I'm glad I followed that random idea. We had 19 people, with 15 kids in the mix. A fun evening was had among friends.

There's probably a lesson comparing Dog Man with Jesus, the God-Man, but that's for another article...

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK –



Thank you to everyone who participated in the second annual "Life Together Congregational Potluck" on Sunday, March 9th. We enjoyed lots of delicious food and had a great time getting together. Special appreciation to the volunteers that coordinated and assisted with this event: Jane Clarke, Beverly Engineer, Pete and Pam Hansen, and Peggy and Eric Westin. Additionally, thank you to Helen and Arnie Berto, Marlene Mauer, and Judy Stellwagen for helping with cleaning up.

Life Together Committee



CELEBRATING PURIM – On Sunday, March 16, Prince of Peace



faces painted, and we partook in the traditional hamantaschen, a filled triangular cookie representing the resilience of the Jewish people and the triumph of good over evil.

honored the Jewish festival of Purim during morning service. As part of the festival, members of the congregation were asked to don costumes and masks, kids were given the options of having their









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